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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in all locations. The market tone was steady beginning the week. Demand was light to at times fairly good, best where features were a factor. Supplies were adequate to available for large eggs while extra large and mediums were sufficient to in balance for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were tight to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate to occasionally ample for the moderate to good demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned egg sales were light to at times fairly good. Food service movement was mostly light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to balanced for all other sizes. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly fair with offerings tight to adequate. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	36-46	37-43
LARGE	35-45	36-39
MEDIUM	22-32	24-27

IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.		
	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	18-27	22
MEDIUM	6-11	9
SMALL	6-10	

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged when compared to last week's prices. Trade sentiment was steady entering the week. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate on large eggs, about adequate for the remainder of sizes. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for generally normal processing schedules. Spent hens were fully adequate to instances ample for the at least moderate to good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	45-62	48-50
LARGE	39-53	44-48
MEDIUM	26-39	31-33

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was moderate to at times fairly good, best for feature activity. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to balanced for all sizes. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly fair with offerings tight to adequate. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	49.5-58	51-54
LARGE	43.5-52	45-48
MEDIUM	27.5-36	29-32

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged on all weights when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was steady beginning the week. Demand was light to fairly good, best where features were a factor. Supplies of large were adequate to fully adequate while the remaining sizes were in good balance for current requirements. Breaking stock supplies were about sufficient to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were fully sufficient to occasionally ample for the moderate to good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	43.5-51	45-48
LARGE	42-49	43-46
MEDIUM	28.5-36	29-33

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices began the week unchanged on all sizes when compared to last Friday's values. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies ranged about adequate to available with large eggs in the longest position.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	53-57
LARGE	51-55
MEDIUM	38-42

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	43-52	45-49
LARGE	42-51	43-45
MEDIUM	29-38	32-34

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices were unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. The Pacific Region inventory was down 7 percent compared to last Monday, with California down 13 percent and Oregon/Washington/Utah up 6 percent. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings generally adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The market tone was about steady with asking prices for this week unchanged on all sizes. The California inventory was 13% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings in fair balance. Small benchmark price 44.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	97
EXTRA LARGE	90
LARGE	78
MEDIUM	64

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
	RANGE	RANGE
JUMBO	249-309	
EXTRA LARGE	219-289	NOT AVAILABLE
LARGE	199-219	
MEDIUM	179-189	

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending April 15, 2005 will increase by 18 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 08, 2005 were 201,559 cases which was 10 percent below the prior week and 3 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	166,673	34,886	201,559
% change from the prior week.....	-7	-22	-10

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly fair with offerings tight to adequate. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	22-25	23-25
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	12-16	13-15

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to at least moderate for the mostly adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product were adequate for current needs. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 11-APR-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15.5	11.5-13	12.56
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were irregular, but generally were unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 11-APR-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.5-15.5	11-12.75	11.96

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM APR 11, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/

(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.0	15.0	8.7	14.2	11.0
	Change	0.3	-0.2	0.8	0.9	-0.6
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	16.1	39.7	10.1	26.2	33.3
	Change	-4.2	-1.7	2.1	-0.1	-2.3
Large	Curr Wk	34.5	124.7	53.9	116.7	77.4
	Change	-29.2	6.7	8.3	20.0	-6.9
Medium	Curr Wk	11.8	41.2	14.6	21.7	25.4
	Change	1.4	-12.3	-0.7	3.1	-3.0
Small	Curr Wk	7.4	6.3	2.5	5.4	3.4
	Change	0.5	-4.6	-0.7	0.8	-0.7
Misc	Curr Wk	4.3	23.6	9.8	11.3	6.5
	Change	-0.1	-1.9	0.4	-0.9	0.5
Ungraded	Curr Wk	14.2	42.5	25.1	35.6	28.2
	Change	6.2	7.5	4.7	12.6	-1.9
Total	Curr Wk	99.3	293.0	124.7	231.1	185.2
Percent	Change	-20%	-2%	14%	19%	-7%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	933.3	1%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	250.0	2%	35
Total Shell Egg	1,183.3	1%	208

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast - CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific - AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS

QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 28, 2005

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.86	1.83	1.74	1.16

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF MARCH 28, 2005 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.42	1.42	1.32	.77

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CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
79.25								96.00								175.25							
SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW											
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS								
GNR W 1	24.00	—	25.75	27.13	27.00	—	37.00	GNR W 1	30.50	35.50	—	—	—	40.00	7.00								
GNR W 4	—	13.00	—	—	11.00	—	2.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	52.00	3.00								
GNR BR 1	—	33.00	—	43.00	—	—	2.50	GL W XL	32.83	38.86	—	—	—	43.25	15.50								
GL W J	—	—	48.00	49.00	38.50	—	4.00	GL W LG	30.42	38.40	—	—	—	39.81	14.75								
GL W XL	—	36.00	37.88	38.63	33.10	36.00	46.00	GL W MD	26.38	26.00	30.50	31.88	28.00	31.22	12.75								
GL W LG	—	36.00	31.83	33.50	28.82	—	21.00	GL W SM	20.00	—	—	—	22.00	25.00	2.00								
GL W MD	—	23.00	23.08	24.06	21.23	22.00	19.50																
GL W SM	26.00	28.25	23.00	25.00	—	—	5.00																
NRBS - 48	—	22.00	21.50	25.00	23.43	23.75	47.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	15.50	2.00																

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